

## Among the Churches

### Glover's Gap, West Virginia

Yesterday when I received the EVANGELIST I was so enthused to read the letter from Persia, but how my heart ached for the far-away brother. How I wished I could preach, but much more, that I could write such a soul-stirring epistle that would set the Brethren Church on fire with missionary zeal that money would flood into Brother Cassel's hands so freely that he would no more need to make those appeals for help.

How glad I was to learn we have at last purchased a church in Chicago. How I would love to see the name of every one I know in the Brethren Church in the EVANGELIST with a sum attached thereto for the purpose of paying for this new church and supporting the missionaries.

How much I love to read a word from Brothers Brown, Holsinger, or any other person I have ever known or heard preach, but of a different interest are the words coming from other lands than our own. How interested I am in Brother Swadberg's mission in Canada. I can imagine his joy in being thus blest in his isolation which has become a company.

Would we had more to show the sentiment of Brother Louis Bauman in his reply to Brother Shummon. I have read his writings since they first appeared in the children's column; it appears to me we are not strangers.

For my part I do not see any harm in the notices the editor referred to week before last. It makes me blush with shame to think we have people who won't pay their subscription and have to be dunned two or three times for it. Can they be true Christians that won't pay their debts? The Bible says, "Owe no man anything but love."

Hoping to see a grand pouring-in of means into the treasury, I am  
MARY A. SNYDER,

### Unionville, Iowa

Saturday, Sept. 28th I started on my way to Waterloo to attend our district conference held at that place.

I had the pleasure of stopping with Brother Hall's family, near Garwin, Tama Co.

Brother Hall preached Sunday morning and at three o'clock, childrens exercises were held, which I must say were exceedingly good the children having practised but a short time. Brother and Sister Hall their son Asa and daughter Zella and myself drove thru to Waterloo, a distance of fifty-five miles.

The conference being the first I have attended, was very interesting and full of good spiritual truth.

After conference I visited Brother Myers' home near Millersburg, Iowa Co. Brother Myers was our pastor three years ago.

The church at Millersburg is indeed a "model" church one in which the young people are very active.

On October 7th the last evening I spent in Brother Myers' home the young people came in, bringing their musical instruments and we spent a pleasant evening together. I reached home on the 8th finding my mother, who has been an invalid for some time, greatly improved in health.

Nothing has been written for the EVANGELIST, concerning the church here, for several months. We have had no preaching since Bro. Hall preached for us last winter. Sometimes it seems as if we can do nothing, but we try to be patient.

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of the peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility. Who is there without hope? The fettered prisoner in his dark cell, the diseased sufferer on his bed of anguish. The friendless wanderer; each cherishes some spark of this ever-living light. Pray for us that the church here may be restored to unity. May we say as the people said

unto Joshua, "The Lord our God will we trust, and his voice will we obey,"

How sweet 'twill be at evening  
If you and I can say  
"Good Shepherds, we've been seeking  
The lambs that went astray.

Heart-sore and faint with hunger  
We heard them making moan  
And lo! we come at nightfall  
Bearing them safely home!"

LAURA EPPERLY.

### Illiokota District Missionary Board

At the Waterloo Conference the Illiokota Missionary Board was re-organized by the election of two new members.

The present board is Z. T. Livengood, Lanark, Ill., President; R. R. Teeter, Milledgeville, Ill., Sec'y; Jno. M. Lichty, Waterloo Iowa, Treas.

The Board was instructed to secure an EVANGELIST who can give his whole time to the work if possible.

More than two hundred and fifty dollars was raised at the conference for the support of an EVANGELIST. About one hundred and fifty was paid in cash. Of the balance unpaid, with the exception of the contributors who live at Waterloo, and can pay directly to the treasurer, the contributors should send the amount to the secretary as soon as possible.

All correspondence in regard to the mission work of the district should be addressed to

R. R. TEETER, Sec'y.

Milledgeville, Ill.

### Millersburg Church, Iowa

Before reporting from home church, I will drop a line or two, however a little out of date, about National Conference and Chicago Mission. I was so well pleased with the conference work I feel I cannot miss one in the future. We not only are brought in touch with every department of the church work so as to attract our interest more deeply, and we fulfilling a duty we owe to our God that we should delight in as a privilege, but we catch our inspiration from both the social features and the spirituality shown by our most spiritual leaders we have in the church, that it cannot fail from being carried back and inflame our home churches.

On our return home we stopped a few days in Chicago with Brother Talley, looked over the church building and there is no doubt but what the brethren made a good purchase it is certainly worth at least \$4,000 more than they give. I also had the pleasure of meeting all the brethren and sisters that called at the mission mentioned by Brother Talley and spent some hours profitable in conversation with Brother I. D. Bowman and heard him preach, we need more of his type.

As to inspecting the Mission and reporting I regard it out of place for me to do so. I am willing to take the admonition Brother Talley gave at Waterloo Conference at least I will not write about that which I know but little. I was well pleased with the work at Waterloo Conference and feel confident our plans will develop good for the cause.

I would like to add a little here that I meant to say in my talk on Church Supervision. A committee when sent to adjust difficulties should be very careful to not allow one side or faction to bias mind them before they come in the counsel room, you should refuse to talk with any one about the troubles out of the room; this will command confidence.

I must now get to our home church. Glad to state that sister Laura Epperly of Udell Ia., came home with us from Conference; we are not often blessed with a call of young sisters from abroad that are so genial in our Christian association as Sister Epperly and our young people showed their appreciation. Her last evening with us she was entertained by them and our young brethren furnished band music. Come again Sister Laura.

We claim to have our church in good condition. Baptized three lately since last report this makes 13 this summer. I am at Deep River now expect to commence a meeting this evening October 9, will report later.  
JOHN A. MYERS,

### Church Dedication in Martinsburg, Pa.

When I took charge of the New Enterprise—Fairview—Liberty work I found a church located at Fredericksburg two miles east of Martinsburg owned by the Brethren. This church was built as a union house in 1886. Trustees being selected from the Methodists, Lutherans, Winebrenarians, River Brethren, Presbyterians, Reformed Church and Progressive Brethren.

The same results obtained as usual with a union house, in a few years it closed. In 1891 as a union house it was sold at Sheriff sale. It remained closed by the purchaser for one year. It was then purchased by our Brethren and rededicated in October 1892. The Brethren Church was organized in 1884.

Its pastors were W. L. Spanogle, Jno. G. Snid. J. F. Koontz, E. H. Smith and S. B. Furry.

We reached Pennsylvania and preached our first sermon in the state in this house on Saturday evening May 5th 1900. Took charge as pastor May 20th. Finding the members mostly residents of Martinburg we realized the necessity of moving the work to this place and began in August to give every alternate service due Fredericksburg to Martinsburg. This continued until December of same year when we moved to have a house of worship here. We appointed a building committee, who purchased a lot, tore down the building and moved it to Martinsburg and rebuilt it adding six feet to it, giving us a baptistry and baptistry rooms upon either side and yet the same audience room as before.

We have now a neat commodious house of worship and "beautiful for situation."

We decided to dedicate on October 6th the Sunday following our State Convention, and we were blessed with a delightful day.

We were very fortunate in securing the services of Bro. E. E. Haskins to dedicate the church; he

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